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SUBJECT: KUWAIT LIFTS REMAINING BAN ON US BEEF IMPORTS

REF: A. KUWAIT 989

- 1B. KUWAIT 571
- 1C. KUWAIT 301
- 1D. STATE 9666
- 1E. STATE 9643
- 1F. KUWAIT 65

11. (U) On May 29, Kuwait's Ministry of Commerce and Industry issued Ministerial Resolution 166, lifting the remaining ban on fresh, chilled and frozen imports of beef and its derivatives from Washington state to Kuwait (full text in para 2). The order went into effect on June 12, following its publication in the official gazette. All U.S. beef may now be imported into Kuwait.

12. (U) Text of Ministerial Resolution

Date: May 29, 2005

Ref: M/394/36/2005

Ministerial Resolution No. 166 for the Year 2005

The Minister of Commerce and Industry:

Upon reviewing:

- Law No. 43/1964 pertaining to imports.
- Law No. 20/1976 pertaining to the prevention of fraud in commercial deals and its amendments.
- Decree No. 10/1979 pertaining to supervision of trading and pricing.
- Ministerial Resolution No. 376/2004 pertaining to the lifting of the ban on beef imported from the USA except from Washington state.
- The Food Safety Committee's recommendations from its meeting No. 7 dated May 8, 2005.
- The Undersecretary's presentation.
- The public interest.

Decided:

Article 1. The ban on imports of fresh, chilled and frozen beef and its derivatives should be lifted from the entire United States, including Washington state.

Article 2. Those responsible should enforce this resolution and work accordingly from its date of issue and publication in the official gazette. (Note. The resolution appeared in the June 12, 2005 official gazette. End Note.)

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